	Name of the Scheme	1999-2000 BE	2000-2001 BE	2001-2002 BE
3.	Area Intensive Programme for Educationally Backward Minorities.	15.00	18.00	20.00
4.	Financial assistance for the Modernisation of Madrasas.	10.00	12.00	10.50

Salary to staffs of Gandhian Institute of Studies, Varanasi

1390. SHRI KULDIPNAYYAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff of Gandhian Institute of Studies, Varanasi, has not been paid salary since November-December, 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for which the Gandhian institutions are being singled out for discrimination by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]. (a) and (b) As informed by ICSSR, the staff of the Gandhian Institute of Studies, Varanasi, has not been paid salary since November-December, 2000 due to the following reasons:

(i) GIS, Varanasi, is funded by ICSSR and Govt, of Uttar Pradesh on 50:50 basis. During the special audit conducted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh on the directions of Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad, serious financial, academic and administrative irregularities were found. Grants to the Institute were kept in abeyance pending enquiry into allegations of financial irregularities and also violation of the various provisions of the Societies Registration Act of 1860.

(ii) The Registrar, Chit Firms and Societies, Govt, of Uttar Pradesh has not renewed registration of the Institute for violation of various provisions of the Societies Registration Act of 1860. This matter is also subjudice.

(iii) The employees of GIS, Varanasi, have moved the High Court of Allahabad and the matter is subjudice.

(c) It is not true that the Gandhian Institutions are being singled out for discrimination by Government.

Consultation with religious head for history text books

1391. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Human Resource Development has taken a decision to ask religious heads to vet the history text books and remove what they term as the objectionable portions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the process is on the way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a)No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Uniform Education

†1392. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to abolish the existing dual education system and provide uniform education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering to provide technical and computer science, engineering and medical science education to lower class, middle class and poor children of rural areas, as being provided to urban children and children of rich families; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b). The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 provides for a National System of Education which implies that, up to a given level, all students, irrespective of caste, creed, location or sex, have access to education of a comparable quality. It includes a common educational structure, a national curriculum framework and minimum levels of learning for each stage of education.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.